



# ***Burton Overy***

# ***Newsletter***

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## Parish Council

### **New Councillors**

Following the Parish Council elections in May, Michael Broughton and Simon Barre stood down as councillors. Many thanks to them for their contribution to the work of the council during their four year term of office. We welcome two new councillors Mark Firth and David Fletcher. Your remaining councillors are Fran Brown (Chairman), Carolyn Carson (Vice Chair) and Stephen Rankine.

### **Local Housing Consultation**

The development of the new local planning document for Harborough District continues apace. Harborough District Council is launching a 6 week consultation from **18 September to 30 October** on its Local Plan Housing Options Consultation Paper. This includes a number of options for the distribution of thousands of houses across the district, including some significant options for the Kibworth and Great Glen.

The Local Plan is at the heart of the planning system and will show what is intended to happen in the Harborough district to 2031. Until 2031 Harborough district is expected to build 9,500 new homes, to date 5,813 have already been built or committed. The Local Housing Consultation currently has 9 options to be considered ranging from adding some houses to many of the villages in the district to concentrating a large number in one place. Options for Kibworth include two strategic development areas to provide thousands of houses, a new primary school and other infrastructure such as roads. One of these options is to the west of Kibworth and one to the north and east of Kibworth Harcourt. Great Glen continues to have a number of sites which have been put forward for development, one of which will bring houses close to the Burton Overy Parish Boundary and the junction at the top of Washbrook Lane.

Large developments in Kibworth and Great Glen will have an impact on Burton Overy. The Parish Council's response to the consultation will be considered at our next meeting on **21 October**, but anyone can respond individually. You can view and comment on the consultation paper at: [www.harborough.gov.uk/strategic-planning-consultations](http://www.harborough.gov.uk/strategic-planning-consultations)

If you have any queries about the consultation, or are unable to access the website to make a response, you can contact the Strategic Planning Team on 01858 821160 or send an email to [planningpolicy@harborough.gov.uk](mailto:planningpolicy@harborough.gov.uk)

Fran Brown

## **Burton Overy Street Lighting**

Burton Overy Parish Council is responsible for the street lighting in the village. This includes paying the bill for the electricity that they use and for repairs to faulty street lights.

The money to pay these bills comes from the amount given to the Parish Council by Harborough Council. This money is called the precept. So ultimately the money comes from us through our Council Tax charges.

Burton Overy has 25 street lights 7 of which are on all night with the remaining 18 switching off at midnight. The all night lights are around the centre of the village and are located at:

Main St, near Carlton Lane

Carlton Lane

Bell Lane, near Main St (Bell Inn junction)

Mayns Lane, Between Bell Lane & Town Street

Mayns Lane, near The Gravel

Mayns Lane, near Town St

Bell Lane, near Back Lane

The annual cost of the electricity for running these street lights is around £650 per annum

The cost of replacing a street light bulb (£30) or lantern costs (£180) also incurs a £100 call out charge in addition to the cost of the bulb or lantern. Annual maintenance costs can be up to £400 per annum. To avoid paying too much in call out charges the Parish Council will only request a call out to replace bulbs when 3 street lights need repairing.

Some villages have decided to turn off some or all of their street lights. This may be for a number of reasons which will include the reduction of "light pollution", to make the night sky more visible, to reduce the carbon footprint and to reduce costs.

There is no proposal at the present to reduce the level of street lighting in Burton Overy but the Parish Council would like to collect residents' views on the street lighting in the village in general and views on specific street lights, especially those near people's home. If anyone has any comments or view on the village street lighting please drop me a line by email or traditional means (contact details below). The Council will then decide whether to conduct a wider consultation.

Stephen Rankine, Parish Councillor  
Corner Thatch, Bell Lane  
stephenrankine@live.co.uk

## **Revised Village Directory and Good Neighbour Scheme**

BOPC is further developing the instigation of a Good Neighbour Scheme having received positive support for this initiative. Further details will be provided shortly to each household but in essence, the Good Neighbour Scheme will be incorporated within existing village schemes, such as the Community Watch scheme and full contact details will be incorporated within a revised Village Directory. The Directory appears to be very popular but hasn't been updated since 2011 and therefore BOPC will update the Directory alongside the development of the Good Neighbour Scheme, this Autumn.

## **Stepping Stones 'Hedges Make Trees' project**

There is an opportunity for local landowners, farmers, tenants, parish councils and community groups to apply for a 'Trees make Hedges' pack from the Stepping Stones project that is working with the Woodland Trust to preserve our hedging for future generations. A pack consists of sufficient hedging for a 100 metre stretch together with 25 trees (English Oak Field Maple), so a substantial contribution although it does not include the labour needed to plant. The leaflet is displayed on the village notice board and further information is available at [leics.gov.uk/stepping\\_stones](http://leics.gov.uk/stepping_stones). The project deadline for bids is the **29th January 2016**.

Carolyn Carson

## **Burton Overy Neighbourhood Plan Update - Have Your Say**

The Burton Overy Neighbourhood Area has now been designated and accepted without objection. The designated area can be viewed at [burtonovery.leicestershireparishcouncils.org](http://burtonovery.leicestershireparishcouncils.org) under Neighbourhood Plan.

We have had a number of enthusiastic volunteers wishing to form the steering committee and will announce them in due course.

The first stage of the process will be for the committee to create a questionnaire that gives our village community a say in what is most important to them.

This will be available at [burtonovery.leicestershireparishcouncils.org](http://burtonovery.leicestershireparishcouncils.org) under Neighbourhood Plan as well as posted through our doors. This is a real opportunity to create a legally binding document that will protect and enhance all aspects of our village development both now and for the future, so the more people that fill in the questionnaire the better. Once the results of the consultation are in, this will be made public, then go through a signing off process.

Mark Firth, Parish Councillor

## **Proposed village event to mark the Queens 90th Birthday**

The official dates for celebrating the Queens 90th birthday are the weekend of the **10th** to the **12th June 2015**. BOPC is proposing that we celebrate this in the village with some kind of event. Early proposals include a village picnic and/or barby with games for the children etc. It is early days but make a note of the date and if you have any ideas then please let Cllr Carson know with a note through her door, or telephone 2593736.

Carolyn Carson

## **Burton Overy Women's Institute**

In June the WI went to the Old Vicarage at Burley on the Hill. There we looked round their beautiful gardens and had tea and cakes.

In July, Dru Ellis who used to live in the village came back to give a very interesting talk. Our August meeting was held at the home of Phyllis Hallam. We had a bring and share supper.

The WI movement is celebrating its 100th birthday this year and for our September meeting we held an open meeting - open to everyone (men included). Richard Adams gave a slide show set to music which was a delight to see and hear.

In October there will be a pudding evening, bring your favourite pudding to share and copies of the recipe.

November is the AGM and December will be Christmas party night at Alison Tasker's home. We are hoping to enter the Christmas Tree Festival as usual.

Margaret Pollard

## St Andrew's Church News

We enjoyed a very good and well attended Harvest Thanksgiving service on **27<sup>th</sup> September** followed by lunch of lamb stew. Our grateful thanks to all who contributed to the service, and also to Rebecca Broughton and her team for preparing the lunch.

On **Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> October at 5.00pm** we hold a special service to mark the completion of the work of repair and restoration following the discovery of Death Watch Beetle in the roof timbers in 2012.

The service will be in the style of a Songs of Praise, with hymns chosen by members of the village. It is a chance for the church to say a formal and very public thank you to everyone who has supported this major project. The service will be followed by wine and light buffet food in the church. Everyone is most welcome.

On **7<sup>th</sup> November** we shall celebrate Evensong as an Act of Remembrance on what is Remembrance Sunday. We will also display our banners from last year's First World War commemoration service remembering local people who fought and died in the Great War.

We look forward to our traditional Christmas Tree Festival which is **Friday 4<sup>th</sup> to Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> December**.

Christmas seems a long way off, but if you want to mark the Carol Service in your diaries it will be on **Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> December at 4.00pm** to include a children's tableau.

If you are aware of anyone in our village who needs particular care or support please do remember to tell our vicar or churchwardens or Anne Bloor who leads the pastoral team so that we can provide them with whatever support is appropriate.

Thank you.

Robert Brown and Nicola Langton (Churchwardens)

## **Burton Overy Friendship Club**

The Friendship Club continues to meet normally on the third Thursday of each month, at different venues around the village. All villagers old and new and friends will be made very welcome.

During the past summer the group has held five coffee mornings and a lovely afternoon Strawberry and Cream tea in July which was hosted by Vicky Ryall. Jane Chandler did the catering and spoiled us with a mountain of home made scones and cakes, so much that many of us went home with “Doggy bags” full of goodies.

On **October 15<sup>th</sup>** the meeting will be at “Chestnuts Farm” (Mr & Mrs Harris)

On **November 12<sup>th</sup>** the coffee morning is at “The Springs” (Mr & Mrs Bloor)

The Christmas lunch is scheduled for **December 10<sup>th</sup>** but the venue has not yet been chosen. (Suggestions welcome)

The first meeting of 2016 is planned for **January 20<sup>th</sup>** at “Bunkers Hill”

Thank again to all our Hosts for their very kind hospitality in 2015

The Friendship Club is open to the entire village and is a great way for to get to know each other and meet socially for a friendly chat – so please come along,

A warm welcome awaits you!

Patrick McArragher

If you would like any further details contact:

Thelma Short on 259 2137 or Jean Harris on 259 2251

## **CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL 2015**

**FRIDAY DECEMBER 4<sup>th</sup> – SUNDAY DECEMBER 6<sup>th</sup>, inclusive**

Our fantastic annual Christmas Tree Festival brings the whole village together and is the start of many people's Christmas celebrations. It relies on the great support we have from the village and once again we shall be asking for your help.

The nominated charity for this year's Festival is The British Heart Foundation.

Last year's Festival raised £8,336.79, which was divided between St Andrew's Church, the Village Hall and the Alzheimers Society. This is an enormous amount for our small village to raise, especially as there are now many competing events in neighbouring villages over the same weekend.

We have a high standard to maintain and in order to make the Festival even more attractive, we would like to have a few more Christmas lights on show during the event. So...if you are thinking of putting up lights, would you consider doing so for the Festival weekend? Some extra lighting would make the village look even more beautiful – we are looking for village sparkle, not garish glitter and glitz!

Of course, the main attraction is the display of trees in the church: Please start thinking about your tree entry NOW!

Tree entries in the children's section were lower last year, so we are asking for your help to boost numbers by taking an information pack and entry forms to your children's school, nursery or groups such as Brownies and Cubs, and encourage them to enter, especially as we are introducing a new competition for schools and groups – A Nativity in a Shoe Box.

As ever, there will of course be stalls in the Village Hall, which will look different this year: after many years of support Barry Rivers will not be there, and his stall will be replaced by Ashley Farm Shop and a Chocolate Tombola for the children.

Otherwise the popular old favourites will be with us and the Made in Burton Overy stall will feature a variety of quality items made by village residents. The British Heart Foundation will have a stall and there will be a Raffle of course (it raised a record £1,700 last year). Carolyn Carson will be co-ordinating this and will be collection prizes (tel: 07500 932 911).

*Finally, if you have any ideas which could improve the Festival, would be interested in helping with the organisation, or contributing items to the Made in Burton Overy Stall, please let us know.*

*Festival information, invitations, entry forms etc. will be delivered to every village household during the second week in October. Please watch out for them, tell your friends and work colleagues about the Festival, and give us all the help you can.*

Joan Stephens

## CONTACTS

For general information packs, flyers, posters etc.: Sue Tuxford 0116 259 2705; burtonoveryctf@gmail.com

For donations of chocolate items to the Tombola: Sally Muir, 0116 259 3581, gmmhouse@btopenworld

For information about the Made in Burton Overy stall: Daisy Fawcett, DaisyFawcett00@gmail.com

## Village Hall

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BOOK NOW for the Fish and Chip Supper Quiz

Once again Barbara Lloyd will test your knowledge (but no Harry Potter question this time!) and somebody has to win the £25 interval question  
**Friday October 16th** – Food arrives at 7.30

To book food email burtonoveryvillagehall@gmail.com or text 07901 855799 with your name and the number eating in your party. Cost is £8 payable on the night or £2 if you don't want fish and chips and there's to need to book

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## **Burton Overy Dancers**

A brisk start to the year on **2nd September** with Bronwyn and Ken calling the dances followed on **9th September** by the AGM. Peter Meacock was elected chairman and Ken Judd programme secretary at the meeting and Bronwyn Taylor also joined the committee with Margaret Darlaston, Freda Brooke's, Anita Ribot and Jill Allen.

Dancing to club callers followed the AGM and Guest callers Keith and Mary Oughton presented on the evening of **September 16th**.

Meetings will be held in Burton Overy village hall each **Wednesday at 8:00 pm**.

All are welcome, come and try folk dancing.

John Pollard

## **Village Show**

Held on **Saturday 5th September**, it was another wonderful day with fantastic home baking and preserves as well as lovely flower arrangements and delightful crafts and not forgetting the hotly contested produce category. A big thank you to everyone who took part, the show's continued success is due to the participation of everyone that enters and visits each year. This year we made a total of £498.03 of which £400 goes to the Village Hall.

The trophy winners were:

Aggregate Cup: **Jo Taylor**

Glebe Garden Trophy (Best Exhibit in flower/produce): **Helen Foster**

Tom Cooper Shield (three dressed onions): **Alan Chandler**

Johnson Cup (heaviest marrow): **Jo Taylor**

Flora James Rose Bowl (best arrangement): **Helen Foster**

Bert Ashby Trophy (best dahlia): **Margaret Pollard**

Anne Holden Trophy: **Caroline Ramsey**

Children's Cup: **Harriet Inchley**

Best in Show Trophy: **Karl Olsen**

## Village Website

Funding for the village website, [www.leicestershirevillages.com/burtonovery](http://www.leicestershirevillages.com/burtonovery), will be cut next year which means the website will cease to exist in its present form and perhaps at all. Alternatives can be found, but this is not a simple matter and as yet there are no proposed options.

There is a lot of information contained in the website, including: the history of the village, featuring an electronic copy of 'Aspects of Burton Overy' which is a mine of local information, details on village events past and future, Christmas Tree Festival winners since 2009 and photographs of every tree entered since 2011, Parish Council announcements, pub opening times, Village Show winners since 2011, photographs of the village (including vintage photos) and even this newsletter appears there (going back to 2010). The family history section is extremely popular and contains the 1841, 1861, 1871 and 1901 census as well as the christenings/births, marriages and deaths dating from 1572.

These and more details are free to browse for anyone at any time.

Please feel free to contact Angus MacKinnon if you have any ideas for the future of the website.